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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN MILITARY ZONE

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1. JAPANESE DIET DELEGATION WHICH RETURNED SEPTEMBER 7 FROM TEN-DAY TRIP TO NORTH KOREA WERE GIVEN BASE POINTS DELINEATING CLAIMED DPRK 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IN SEA OF JAPAN, FROM WHICH MILITARY ZONE CAN BE INFERRED. BASE POINTS FOR WESTERN BOUNDARY OF ECONOMIC ZONE ARE (1) 38 DEG 36' 48" NORTH, 129 DEG 30' 30" EAST AND (2) 41 DEG 46' 13" NORTH, 131 DEG 31' 15" EAST. EASTERN BOUNDARY GIVEN AS (1) 38 DEG 36' 48" NORTH, 132 DEG 36' 52" EAST AND (2) 40 DEG 06' 27" NORTH, 133 DEG 34' 38" EAST.

2. FONOFF NE ASIA DEPDIR KAWASHIMA NOTED THAT STRAIGHT-LINE WESTERN BOUNDARY IS APPROXIMATELY 50 NAUTICAL MILES FROM ANOTHER STRAIGHT LINE FORMED BY CONNECTING FOLLOWING 3 POINTS ON NORTH KOREAN COAST: DMZ, MUSU DAN AND SINO-NORTH KOREAN BORDER. KAWASHIMA BELIEVED THAT AREA BETWEEN THESE TWO LINES IS NORTH
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KOREAN MILITARY ZONE, WHILE AREA BETWEEN LINE OF DMZ-MUSU DAN-CHINESE BORDER AND NORTH KOREAN COAST PROBABLY REGARDED BY DPRK AS INTERNAL WATERS.

3. KAWASHIMA COMMENTED THAT FROM WHAT HE HAS HEARD SO FAR, NORTH KOREANS WERE RIGID AND INFLEXIBLE IN DEALING WITH DIET DELEGATION. WHILE PERMITTING JAPANESE TO FISH IN

200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IN SEA OF JAPAN, THEY ABSOLUTELY
REFUSED TO DISCUSS JAPANESE FISHING IN YELLOW SEA, WHICH IS
THE MORE IMPORTANT FISHING AREA FOR JAPAN. IN ADDITION,
KAWASHIMA STATED HE THOUGHT GOJ COULD NOT ACCEPT DPRK
BASELINE FOR DETERMING 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, AS HE FELT
ZONE EXTENDED TOO FAR OUT INTO SEA OF JAPAN.
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